<u>**Amendments to the Claims:**</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>**Listing of Claims:**</u>

6-8.   (Canceled)

14-18. (Canceled)

19.   (New) A computer implemented method for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer implemented method comprising:

detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;

reading, by the data processing system, the first set of dining preferences from the portable storage device;

displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

responsive to receiving a verified first set of dining preferences, generating a food order using the first set of dining preference; and

storing the first set of dining preferences in the memory of the portable storage device and on an order system in the first restaurant.

20.   (New)   The computer implemented method of claim 19 wherein the portable storage device comprises a processor and a communications interface.

21.   (New) The computer implemented method of claim 20 wherein the communication interface allows for communication with the first restaurant and writing the first set of dining preferences to the portable storage device using the communications interface.

22.   (New) The computer implemented method of claim 20 wherein the communication interface allows for communication with the second restaurant and writing the second set of dining preferences to the portable storage device using the communications interface.

23.   (New) The computer implemented method of claim 19 further comprising: responsive to a customer indicating modifications to the first set of dining preferences, receiving the modifications; updating the first set of dining preferences to form an updated first set of dining preferences;

24.   (New) The computer implemented method of claim 23, wherein the updated first set of dining preferences are stored in the memory of the portable storage device and the order system.

25.   (New) The computer implemented method of claim 23, wherein the food order is generated using the updated first set of dining preferences.

26.   (New) A computer program product in a recordable-type medium for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer program product comprising:

        instructions for detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;

        instructions for reading, by the data processing system, the first set of dining preferences from the portable storage device;

        instructions for displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

instructions for receiving a verified first set of dining preferences;

instructions for generating a food order using the first set of dining preference; and

instructions for storing the first set of dining preferences in the memory of the portable storage device and on an order system in the first restaurant.

27.   (New) The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising: instructions for receiving modifications to the first set of dining preferences; and updating the first set of dining preferences with the received modifications to form an updated first set of dining preferences.

28.   (New) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising instructions for generating the food order using the updated first set of dining preferences.

29.   (New) A data processing system for communicating dining preferences of a customer to an establishment, the computer implemented method comprising:

detecting means for detecting, by a data processing system, a portable storage device associated with a customer, wherein the portable storage device comprises a first set of dining preferences for a first restaurant in a set of different and unrelated restaurants and a second set of dining preference for a second restaurant in the set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the first set of dining preferences comprises a first selection of food items and food preparation preferences associated with the first restaurant, wherein the second set of dining preferences comprises a second selection of food items and food preparation preferences, wherein the first set of dining preferences and the second set of dining preferences are stored in a memory of the portable storage device by corresponding restaurant name, in response to receiving a personal identification certificate;

reading means for reading, by the data processing system, the first set of dining preferences from the portable storage device;

displaying means for displaying the first set of dining preferences, on a display in the first restaurant, for order verification, wherein the second set of dining preferences stored on the portable storage device are not displayed;

receiving means for receiving a verified first set of dining preferences;

generating means for generating a food order using the first set of dining preference; and

storing means for storing the first set of dining preferences on an order system in the first restaurant.